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Artillery Shooting Range

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- Map of City of Torun

3. "[Available at the CIA Map Library is a map of Torun drawn to a scale of 1: 10,000.] Following is the descriptive legend which applies to the map of Torun:

### Institutions and Utilities

- (1) Town hall (rynek - market place)
- (2) Ziemi Pomorskiej Theatre - city center
- (3) Kuratorium; school governing body - city center
- (4) District court - city center
- (5) Main post office on market place
- (6) District Board of Woods and Forests on Mickiewicza Street
- (7) District UB and MO (security and police) offices on Bydgoska Street
- (8) Main railway station, now completely reconstructed
- (9) Railway bridge over the Wisla River. Destroyed during World War II, now rebuilt for only one-track passage. Length of bridge: around one (1) kilometer. The

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bridge had a separate crossing for pedestrians which is no longer in existence.

- (10) District hospital, former hospital for the Sisters of Charity - in the Mokre Suburb
- (11) Power plant on Sienkiewicza Street
- (12) Slaughterhouse - in the Jakubskie Suburb. Besides slaughtering, the enterprise operates the production of canned goods for export and manufactures a special type of canned meat for Army use.
- (13) Fire brigade on Prosta Street
- (14) Gas plant - in the Jakubskie Suburb
- (15) Stopping-point for passenger steamers on the Wisla River, near the outlet of Zeglarska Street
- (16) Baltyk movie house on Mickiewicza Street [Does not appear on map]
- (17) St. Mary's Catholic Church - market place
- (18) St. John's Catholic Church - city center
- (19) Garrison church - city center

#### Plants

- (20) Factory for gasometers and hydrometers - in the Jakubskie Suburb
- (21) Factory for electrical apparatus and appliances for low voltage only (Fabryka Aparatur Niskiego Napięcia)
- (22) Factory producing appliances for the sanitation and hygienic trade (Fabryka Sprzetu Sanitarnego) - on Mosciszki Street
- (23) Agricultural machinery factory (Pomorskie Zakłady Produkcji Maszyn Rolniczych) in the Mokre Suburb, specializing in the manufacture of globular grinders (Kugelmuehlen [sic])
- (24) Boiler plant (Pomorska Fabryka Kotlow) - city center
- (25) Electric bulb plant. Construction of this new plant was started in 1950. According to plan, production will be commenced at the end of 1953 or the beginning of 1954. Located in the Jakubskie Suburb
- (26) Luban - potato-flour factory in Jakubskie Suburb
- (27) Gingerbread factory in the Jakubskie Suburb
- (28) Polish State Monopoly distillery - in the Mokre Suburb
- (29) Flour mill in Mokre Suburb
- (30) Flour mill in the center of the city, located on the bank of the Wisla River
- (31) Sawmill on Mickiewicza Street
- (32) Shipyard for construction and repair of river-haulers
- (33) LAS - State-owned enterprise dealing in all by-products gained from forests (mushrooms, wild berries, resin, etc.) on Mickiewicza Street
- (34) Railway repair workshops in Podgorz Suburb, on the left bank of the Wisla River. These rather expansive workshops are situated on the outlet of the railway-lines from Torun toward Poznan and Rydgoszcz.

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Military Installations and Establishments

- (40) Infantry barracks in the center of the city near the Torun-Miastro railway station
- (41) Artillery officers' school (recently renamed Tadeusza Kosciuszki). The school is on Sobieskiego Street:

Details on Artillery Officers' School Barracks

1. Building for school Command
  2. Barracks for cadet officers
  3. Training and education buildings
  4. Garages, stables and coach-houses.
- (42) Antiaircraft artillery barracks - in the Rudak Suburb (on the left bank of the Wisla River). The barracks are located on the northern outskirts of the main artillery maneuver-grounds in Poland.
- (43) Main artillery exercise camp on the northern outskirts of the maneuver ground. (In all probability, a detachment of 'maneuver'-artillery and topographical ground artillery is quartered in this barracks.)
- (44) Barracks for Soviet Air Force detachment
- (45) Barracks for Soviet Detachment (in this barracks are also transient Soviet officer quarters and a Soviet officers mess hall)
- (46) Airfield located on the northwestern outskirts of the town. Used by Soviet Air Force.
- (47) Military hospital on Mickiewicza Street
- (48) Military warehouses in the pre-World War II fortifications on Waly Street
- (49) Military warehouses in the Podak Suburb - near the railroad bridge
- (50) Military warehouses close to those in No. (49)
- (51) Quartermaster garrison warehouses - in the Mokre Suburb - for uniforms, sanitation equipment and construction material
- (52) WKR (Wojskowa Komisja Rejonowa) recruitment offices on Waly Street
- (53) Small Soviet detachment billeted in a few villas on Sobieskiego Street.

Map of Torun-Podgorz Artillery Shooting Range

4. "Available at the CIA Map Library is a map of the Torun-Podgorz Artillery Shooting Range drawn to a scale of 1:25,000. Also on this map is a diagram of the shooting range by the line of the Wodek Road. There is an accompanying legend written right on the map showing the symbols for barracks and installations, fortifications, artillery shooting gallery, the first row of artillery observation points, the first row of targets, the second row of artillery observation points, field of far-distant targets, auxiliary garrison training ground. On this map, the [REDACTED] has used pre-World War II names. According to [REDACTED] some of these names are still in use, such as Chrobrego Hill and Czarnieckiego Hill. Following is a general description of the Torun-Podgorz Artillery Shooting Range:

5. "This shooting range was established as early as the end of the 19th century. Thereafter, it lived through many remodellings and was greatly expanded before World War I by the Germans, with another renovation following thereafter by Polish authorities.

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6. "In the years between 1920 and 1939, Torun was the main artillery training center in Poland. During this period, the following military installations were located there:
- Artillery cadet officers' school (for career officers)
  - Artillery Training Center - specialized courses for staff officers and for scientific artillery instructors with NCO grades
  - Topography and survey-measurement officers' training center (Artyleryjskie Wyszkolenie Pomiarowe)
  - Training center for courses on balloons for artillery observers
  - 31 PAL - regiment for light artillery
  - 33 DAL - independent light artillery battalion.

"Apart from these artillery units, there were also stationed in Torun before World War II one infantry regiment, one engineering battalion and one signal detachment.

7. "The ranges are situated south of Torun on the left bank of the Wisla River. They cover 75 square kilometers of sandy ground cut by two rows of sandy hills. (The highest hill is around 103 meters above sea level, in contrast to the 55-meter average height above sea level in the town itself.)
8. "In the south, the shooting range is closed off by a third row of sandy hills. The peak of the row of hills is 105 m above sea level. The eastern part of the terrain is covered by dense forests while its southern part is covered with only sparsely-scattered tree groups. The terrain borders on the following:
- on the north: Podgorz suburb and the Stawki suburban settlement;
  - on the west: the Torun-Inowroclaw railway line;
  - on the south: the road connecting the localities of Wygoda and Popioly;
  - on the east: the Torun-Wroclawek railway line.
9. "The shooting range is connected with the locality of Torun by an electro-car [sic] especially established for shuttling between the Torun-Miastro railway station and the smaller Kluczyki station located on the northwestern corner of the terrain.

#### Details of the Shooting Range

10. "The shooting-channel is bordered by the Warszawska Road on the east and the Popiolow Road on the west. This field is cut through its middle by another path known as the Wodek path.
11. "In its meridian direction [going from north to south?], this shooting field is traversed by:
- a row of artillery galleries
  - the first line of artillery observation points
  - the first line of targets
  - the second line of artillery observation points
  - a row of far-distant targets.

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12. "On the northern outskirts of the shooting range (going from west to east), there are the following installations:
- a. Fort Batorego (a fortification in existence for some time around which the small exercise camp of the artillery officers' school had been organized before World War II). [See "A" on the map available at the CIA Map Library.]
  - b. The main artillery exercise camp; barracks [See "B" on the map.]
  - c. Ammunition dump, connected with another part of the terrain by a narrow-gauge railway line. [See "C" on the map.]
  - d. Shooting range for hand fire weapons and machine guns. [See "D" on the map.]
  - e. Auxiliary training ground for Torun garrison. [See "E" on the map.]
13. "Territorial changes which took place after World War II in Poland also changed the arrangement of the artillery training facilities. Aside from Torun there were, before the war, other artillery training centers such as the one in Wlodzimierz or the large artillery shooting range in Powursk (for heavy artillery). There was also one in Czeremoszno for light and horse-drawn artillery. All these installations were located on territories annexed by the USSR in 1945. Now in the western territories there are many maneuver grounds which have been especially adapted for artillery, as is one in Porne (German: Gross-Rosen [NIS: Gross Born]) or in Prostynia near Drawsk (German: Wildpforth bei Dramberg).
14. "In spite of all these post-war changes, Torun retained its previous position as the main specialization center for artillery.
15. "[REDACTED] there are 25X1X at present in Torun:
- a. an artillery officers' school (for career army officers);
  - b. a school for higher-ranking officers (with special courses for commanding officers on the battalion and regiment level);
  - c. a maneuver artillery detachment;
  - d. a topography and general measurement and survey detachment (probably consisting of one regiment).
16. "It should be added that the training program in the Torun schools does not include antiaircraft artillery training. In line with the new organization of the Polish Army, this antiaircraft artillery is now attached to the so-called antiaircraft defense corps (which exists, along with the Navy, the Air Force and the Land Army, as a fourth branch of the Armed Forces). As a result, there are separate schools dealing with antiaircraft training. The antiaircraft artillery possesses such school centers in Koszalin, Poznan, Skierniewice and Legionowo near Warsaw. Before the war, antiaircraft instructors and officers were trained within the general artillery schools and were assigned to antiaircraft units for only short periods of additional training."

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